

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 18th 2008

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## Theory Examination

The next Theory Examination for the Experimenters licence will be held on Wednesday the 9th of July at 2 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Places for the examination are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Places at the examination will only be reserved on receipt of the examination fee. Intending candidates should forward the appropriate fee to Sean Nolan EI7CD, 12 Little Meadow, Pottery Road, Dunlaighaire, Co. Dublin in order to reserve a place for the exam.

The fee is 50 Euro or 25 Euro for full-time registered students, those who are retired, unemployed or have a disability. Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to the IRTS and not to Sean EI7CD. When forwarding the exam fee intending candidates should enclose their postal address as well as phone and e-mail contact details. The closing date for applications to sit the examination is the 25th of June. This date will be strictly enforced, as some of the people involved in the exam process will be attending the Friedrichshafen Rally at the end of June. Sean EI7CDs address again is 12 Little Meadow, Pottery Road, Dunlaoghair, Co. Dublin and it can be found in the IRTS call book or in the call book section of the IRTS website at [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie)

Sean's e-mail address for any further enquiries is "ei7cd at gofree dot indigo dot ie" Also available on the 'Where Do I Start' section of the IRTS website are Examination Notes with a sample examination paper as well as links to the ComReg experimenter pages which contain some very useful data under Licensing Information. Also in the Radio Theory Links section on the website is some very useful information for those studying for the examination. The examination consists of a question paper of 60 multiple-choice questions divided into three main sections A, B and C and the time allowed is two hours. The pass mark is 60% and a pass is required in each of the three main sections of the paper. We wish all intending candidates the best of luck in the examination.

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## Italy Gains New Frequencies

Effective from the 13th of May 2008, Italian radio amateurs are authorized to use 7100 to 7200 kHz on a secondary basis, using a total radiated power not exceeding 24 dBW.

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## **Emergency Communications**

Radio amateurs are aiding the relief effort in the Sichuan region of China. Please note that the following frequencies are in use in the region for emergency communications; 7050 kHz, 7060 kHz and 14270 kHz.

A team of amateurs is said to be operating from Wenchuan in the epicentre of the earthquake using 40 metres. In Chengdu, the UHF repeater survived the earthquake and is now being used to direct ambulances.

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## **Friedrichshafen Rally**

Following the success of the IRTS presence at last year's event, the Society again plans to host a stand at this year's Rally scheduled from June 27th to 29th. The objectives associated with the IRTS presence at this prestigious event may be summarised as follows: (1) To raise the image of IRTS among the other European societies. (2) To promote Ireland and things Irish among the large attendance and (3) To provide a base and resting place for IRTS members attending the Rally.

In order to draw up a roster of Irish hams visiting the Rally who might be willing to help in manning the Stand, those planning to travel are invited to send their names and contact details to Sean Donelan EI4GK. Sean's email address is "donelansean at gmail dot com". The commitment required from any individual is unlikely to be great but any assistance offered will be much appreciated.

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## **Cork Radio Club, Rally Venue Change**

As you are probably aware by now the venue for the Cork Radio Rally has changed.

Due to the closure of the Blarney Park Hotel the club has had to move the Rally to a new location. The Hotel that CRC has selected offers the same facilities as Blarney giving even more space to accommodate more traders and amateurs.

Cork Radio Club are very much looking forward to hosting the rally this year at Montenotte Hotel, Cork on Sunday the 14th of September and hope you will share the same commitment as before in the last 16 years.

Further details will be posted with regards to the location "how to get there" etc. A short video of the venue can be viewed on "you tube" URL [www.youtube.com/ei5crc](http://www.youtube.com/ei5crc)

The Cork Radio Club meets every Monday night at 8.30 pm at 1a Assumption Road Cork. Further details from the club Secretary, Frank Mason EI6EVB at QTHR.

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### **Upcoming Rallies**

The Bangor and district Amateur Radio Society will hold their Summer Radio and Computer Rally at the Crawfordsburn Country Club, Bangor, Co. Down on Sunday the 15th of June. Doors open at noon and admission is free. A good selection of traders will be attending and the bring and buy will be in operation. For more information contact Bill Langtry, GI4AAM or visit [www.bdars.com](http://www.bdars.com)

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### **CW Field Day**

The IRTS CW field day will take place over the weekend of the 7th and 8th of June from 15:00 UTC on the Saturday running for 24 hours. Groups intending to compete should send details to “contestmanager at irts dot ie”. Site details should be communicated at least 10 days before the event but late entries may be accepted by phone or e-mail at the discretion of the contest manager.

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### **Geopark Week Special Event**

A number of special event stations will be active for European Geoparks Week.

GB3GEO will be on the air from The Prehistoric Caves, of “Kent’s Cavern in The English Riviera (Torbay) that is recognised as having Geo Park status. There will be a special open day at the caves on Sunday the 25th and GB3GEO will be on the air during the weekend of 24th and 25th of May, operation is on 80 metres to 2 metres and the station will be run by Martin G3VOF, with help from John G7HIK, Paddy M1EIW, and Roger 2E0GHR.

Also active will be GB1GEO in Worcester, and GB2GEO in the Highlands of Scotland and DK0GEO will be QRV from Germany.

Here in Ireland, South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV from Bunmahon, Co. Waterford, which forms part of the Copper Coast Geopark. A number of events will also be happening around the Copper Coast until the 2nd of June. For more information, visit [www.coppercoastgeopark.com](http://www.coppercoastgeopark.com) More information regarding the station in Bunmahon will be posted on [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com) during the coming week.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 087-6302026 or 051-340850. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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